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Subject: Where's the beef?

Despite the best intentions of the DOJ to punish Microsoft I don't see this settlement having much impact. I am a member of the hightech community with no axe to grind with Microsoft, having never competed directly with them. I have used their products for years and will continue to use them.

But based on the verdict in the case I would have expected something more enforcable and dramatic. I'm not suggesting the breakup of the company, but perhaps requiring Microsoft to make Windows opensource. Unless something like that happens, Microsoft will be able to avoid competition because of its control of the OS. I don't believe the spirit of the settlement, as it is currently written, has a chance of being implemented.

Best regards,
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